



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced warmer temperatures this week accelerating the crop development once again this week, according to the NASS Colorado Field Office. Most of the state experienced a good amount of moisture with the parts of the Front Range showing 2.57 inches of rain. The south central and southeast part of the state reported very dry conditions. Farmers were able to work 5.1 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	8	77	14
Last Week	0	12	69	19
Last Year	20	41	38	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	24	65	7
Last Week	5	22	67	6
Last Year	27	42	31	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat was reported at 81 percent turning color, 13 percent ripe, with harvest at 3 percent. The crop was also reported in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 34 percent headed by week's end and rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported as 31 percent headed, and 2 percent turning color with the rating of mostly good to excellent condition.

Row Crops: Corn was reported 99 percent emerged and in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 77 percent planted, with 58 percent emerged, and heading was at 1 percent. Dry onions are in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 84 percent emerged. Fall potatoes were at 99 percent emerged. Both groups of potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Farmers had 94 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end. Dry bean acreage was 89 percent planted with 61 percent emerged. Crop progress this week for row crops had a good push with crops closer to the 5- year average than in previous weeks.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 28, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	9	20	49	21
Last Year	20	30	32	15	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	20	48	32
Last Year	1	6	32	44	17
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	20	40	40
Last Year	2	9	33	40	16

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 76 percent of the first cutting complete and 2nd cutting starting in southern parts of the state.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average last week. Stored feed supplies were rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 28, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	1	7	26	51	15
Prev. Year – 2008	19	27	36	15	3
5-Year Avg.	13	20	32	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 28, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	81	64	76	90
Ripe	13	7	44	50
Harvested	3	N/A	8	15
Spring Barley				
Headed	34	7	57	67
Turning Color	1	N/A	4	8
Spring Wheat				
Headed	31	8	39	60
Turning Color	2	1	3	9
Summer Potatoes				
Emerged	84	79	88	93
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	99	86	83	90
Corn				
Emerged	99	96	100	100
Sorghum				
Planted	77	67	87	64
Emerged	58	39	43	74
Headed	1	N/A	1	1
Sunflowers				
Planted	94	88	88	91
Dry Beans				
Planted	89	77	76	94
Emerged	61	53	49	76
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	76	61	82	84
2 nd Cutting	2	N/A	5	7

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	2	16	55	27
Corn	1	5	16	50	28
Sugarbeets	0	1	7	60	32
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	90	10
Fall Potatoes	0	0	31	47	22
Sorghum	0	0	24	66	10
Dry Beans	0	0	8	85	7
Dry Onions	0	1	5	73	21
Livestock	0	1	11	76	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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